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## Birkholz Announces Education Savings Bill Pass Senate

*Legislation Offers More Local Control for Districts, Opportunity  
to Save Funds in Operating Budgets*

(LANSING) – State Senator Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, today announced the Legislature is making steadfast progress in cutting administrative costs for K-12 education by passing bills giving local school districts flexibility in their operating budgets.

“We are in tough economic times and we must find creative ways to save costs on K-12 education,” Senator Birkholz said. “This legislation ensures that every education dollar is making a difference and letting local schools put their students first.”

Spanning a three week time period, the Senate Education Committee received testimony from local school administrators who came forth to offer suggestions on how school districts across the state can save funds in their operating budgets. Based on those suggestions, Senate Bill 365 today passed the Senate:

**Senate Bill 365: Streamlining the Center for Educational Performance and Information (CEPI).** Currently, data submitted by schools is submitted to CEPI and numerous other state agencies. This bill requires that all data submissions will be made directly to CEPI. Sponsor: Senator Nancy Cassis, R-Nov.

Senate Bill 365 now awaits consideration from the House Education Committee.

**Editor’s Note: Audio comments from Senator Birkholz can be heard at  
[www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire](http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/audiowire)**